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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CARDINAL BRINI AND MSGR. REIDMATTEN

1. MET WITH CARDINAL BRINI AND MSGR. REDIMATTEN APRIL 21. AFTER COURTESY CALL ON FRANGIE, THE PATRIARCH AND THE NUNCIO, THEY HAD COME TO THE WESTERN PART OF BEIRUT TO MAKE SIMILAR CALLS ON PRIMIN KARAME AND HOUSE SPEAKER ASSAAD. IN ADDITION TO THIS, THEY HAD ALREADY SEEN ARAFAT (AT LATTER'S REQUEST) AND THE MUFTI, AND WERE SCHEDULED TO SEE JUMBLATT AND IMAM MOUSA SADR. THEY WOULD THEN RETURN TO JOIN FOR TALKS WITH GEMAYEL, CHAMOUN AND POSSIBLY OTHER CHRISTIAN LEADERS.

2. BRINI IMPRESSED ME AS A MAN OF MODERATION, WITH A PRETTY REALISTIC VIEW OF THE LOCAL SITUATION. (HIS RATHER POOR EVALUATION OF MONASTIC LEADER KASSIS STRENGTHENED THIS CONVICTION.) HE SAID THAT, WHILE HE WAS NOT A MEDIATOR, HE HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED ALREADY TO DELIVER MESSAGES FROM ARAFAT AND THE MUFTI TO THE CHRISTIAN LEADERS. I MENTIONED THAT THE TIME MAY HAVE COME FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN GEMAYEL AND JUMBLATT AND HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO ENCOURAGE THIS TREND.

3. I HAD A GENERAL "TOUR D'HORIZON" DURING WHICH I STRESSED THE NEED TO BE REALISTIC, THE FOLLY OF SEEKING SOLUTIONS BY FORCE OF ARMS AND THE INDISPENSABILITY OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT QUICKLY IN ORDER TO SAVE WHAT STILL CAN BE SAVED. IN LIGHT OF  
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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS I WAS QUITE EXPLICIT IN GETTING ACROSS THE

VIEW THAT IT WAS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST FOR FRANGIE NOT TO DRAG  
HIS FEET AND TO GO THROUGH WITH THE PROCESS LEADING TO HIS RESIG-  
NATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
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